

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Extension of Time

A request for a one month extension of the period for response to the office action mailed on October 17, 2005 is enclosed with this amendment. The extended period for response expires on February 17, 2006.

Claim Status

Claims 1-21 are pending. Since no claims are amended, added or canceled, no listing of claims is required under 37 CFR 1.121.

Allowable Subject Matter

The allowance of claims 3, 13 and 16 is noted and appreciated.

Claim Rejections – Double Patenting

Claims 1, 7-11 and 18-20 are subject to a provisional double patenting rejection over claims 1, 10-14 and 17-19 of copending application no. 10/749,571 to Waltari. A terminal disclaimer is enclosed to overcome these grounds for rejection.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 103(a)

Claims 1, 2, 5-12, 14, 15 and 18-21 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over the Admitted Prior Art (APA) in view of Atriss (US 6,909,393).

Atriss has a U.S. filing date of July 30, 2003. A Declaration of the inventor Mikko Waltari under 37 CFR 1.131 is enclosed stating that the invention claimed in this application was described in his Innovation Disclosure Document dated June 3, 2003, which is a date earlier than the filing date of Atriss. A copy of the Innovation Disclosure Document accompanies the Declaration.

Since applicant has established an invention date that is earlier than the effective date of Atriss, Atriss is not available as a reference against the claims of this application. Accordingly, the rejections of claims 1, 2, 5-12, 14, 15 and 18-21, which all rely on Atriss, should be withdrawn.

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Conclusion

There being no further grounds for rejection, this application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to resolve any issues that remain after entry of this amendment. Any fees due with this response may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,
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